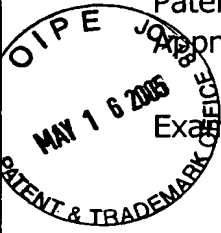


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Amendment

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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated 24th of March 2005 and note the Examiner's rejections and comments made therein. Applicants come now to amend the application and provide comments in response to the Examiner's Action.

A. Item 3 of Examiner's Action:

As asked by Examiner, in the attached "Amendment to specification", applicants amend paragraph 4 of the specification in order to delete the embedded hyperlink.

B. Item 8 of Examiner's Action: Claim Objections

a) Claim 2 has been cancelled.

b) Paragraph 61 of the specification (section "Detailed description of the invention", as published by the US PTO in publication 20030026500A1) contains the following sentence:

[0061] "The microstructure may represent a text, a logo, a symbol, an ornament or any other kind of visual motive. Furthermore, the microstructure may combine several items, e.g. several symbols either identical or different, or a freely chosen combination of text, logos, symbols and ornaments."

Following the suggestion of Examiner, but formulating it according to the above sentence from the description, we amend claims 24, 31, 34, 36, 39 and 41 as follows:

"where the microstructure represents at least one visual motive element selected from the set of text, logo, symbol and ornament".

This formulation leaves the possibility of "combining several items, .. either identical or different" and of having "other kinds of visual motives" within the microstructure. In the case however that Examiner does not accept this argument, applicants kindly ask Examiner to replace our formulation by his formulation

"where the microstructure represents a visual motive element selected from the set of text, logo, symbol and ornament".

in Claims 24, 31, 34, 36, 39 and 41.